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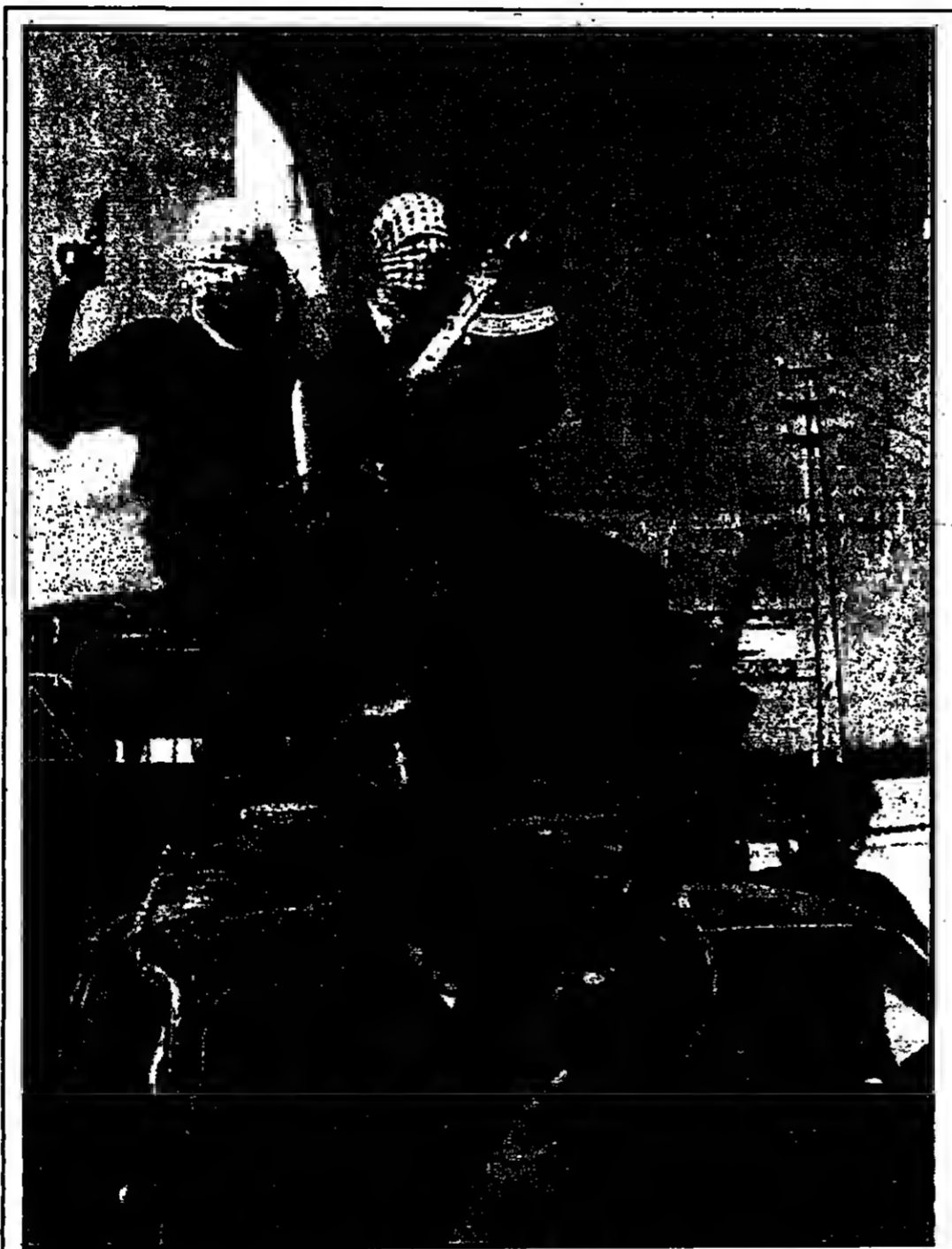
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Treasury, Histadrut continue negotiating

By DAVID HARRIS
The Histadrut last night published details of its plans for Sunday's general strike, despite an agreement with the Treasury to continue negotiating to prevent industrial action.
Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz failed to reach a compromise after two hours of talks last night, but both promised to try to avert the disruptions, scheduled to begin Sunday at 6 a.m.
"Talking to one another like a man to his friend, and we'll continue negotiations tomorrow morning," said Neeman as he emerged from his meeting with Peretz. "With the help of God, we'll reach a K'tiva v'hatima tova [i.e., all will be signed sealed, and delivered]."

Planned strike list

- By DAVID HARRIS
The Histadrut gave notice last night that more than 500,000 of its members will participate in a general strike beginning at 6 Sunday morning.
The following workers will be striking:
• 50,000 civil servants.
• 80,000 workers in 264 local authorities.
• 50,000 bank workers.
• 7,000 Postal Authority employees.
• 13,000 staffers at the Israel Electric Corporation will work but only on a Shabbat schedule.
• 8,000 Bezeq workers, meaning that 144, 166, 188, and 199 services will operate on a Shabbat schedule.
• 2,500 Mekorot workers.
• 1,000 Magen David Adom ambulance staff, who will only work in emergencies.
• 1,250 firefighters will only offer emergency services.
• 4,300 staffers at Egged and 1,200 at Dan, together with Beersheba's urban transport workers.
• 1,300 railway workers.
• 2,400 Airports Authority employees, who will strike from 7 a.m.
• 5,000 at El Al.
• 30,000 Kupat Holim Clalit workers. Clinics and hospitals will offer only emergency services. Dialysis, oncology, and urgent operations will be available as normal.
• 10,000 administrative and ancillary staff in 30 state hospitals and at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv.
• 15,000 nurses in state hospitals and at Ichilov will offer skeleton service only.
• 2,500 public health courses will only operate emergency services.
• 40,000 military industry employees.
• 12,700 Histadrut workers.
• 15,000 workers in agriculture.
• 60,000 electricians, electronics workers, and metalworkers.
• 20,000 textile workers.
• 50,000 in the food industry.
• 13,000 higher education staff.
• 3,000 employees in national institutions, including the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Fund.
• 1,200 Nesher employees.
• All employees in the fuel industry.
• Teachers, including those in kindergartens, but not in special education.
• Staff at the ports.
Today, only local authorities will be striking.



Tunnel riots anniversary
Masked Palestinians ride atop a van guarded by Palestinian policemen during yesterday's demonstration in Rafah, marking the first anniversary of the deaths of 80 Palestinians in riots that followed the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit. Similar demonstrations were held throughout the Gaza Strip.

US slams Netanyahu over Efrat expansion

MARGOT BUDKEVITCH, MARILYN HENRY, and news agencies
Rejection of Israel's insistence it is acting within its rights, US President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday criticized Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for announcing that more homes would be built in Efrat.
Albright noted she had requested a "time-out" in building in the territories to improve prospects for negotiations with the Palestinians.
"I am calling on the prime minister to honor the time-out," she said.
In a statement quoted by Israel Radio, Clinton supported Albright's condemnation, saying that at this stage in the peace process, it is essential to create an atmosphere in which the two sides can further the negotiations.
Albright had talked to Netanyahu on the telephone Wednesday only hours before he told high school students at a 30th anniversary celebration of the renewed settlement at Gush Etzion, that 300 new homes would be built in Efrat and that the Jewish presence in the West Bank would grow.
According to Channel 2, Albright was furious that the prime minister did not alert her to his planned announcement.
"One doesn't take things personally," Albright said yesterday in New York, but added: "It was regrettable this action was taken. We have made it quite clear this particular building is not at all helpful."
During her phone conversation with Netanyahu she had reportedly told him he was partially responsible for the current deadlock with the Palestinians.
Almost simultaneously, Foreign Minister David Levy was telling a handful of reporters at his hotel a mile away that building new homes in existing West Bank settlements is legal and that the Clinton administration would eventually agree.
Levy, in New York for the opening session of the UN General Assembly, said the construction announced by Netanyahu simply accommodates "natural growth" in Efrat.
While Levy praised Albright's peace-making efforts, he challenged her criticism of Netanyahu's announcement.
"We find ourselves in a situation where even if we sneeze, people might concede that it's legal, but we would still be told it's provocative," Levy said.
He would not speculate how the new dispute would affect Israel's position at the UN, which was battered last spring when Israel was condemned in emergency sessions of the General Assembly over its plans to build at Har Homa. The US twice vetoed Security Council resolutions on the same topic.
Levy, instead, assailed the Palestinians for a continuing campaign, conducted in international arenas, calling for sanctions against Israel and for freezing relations.
"Peace cannot be achieved through sanctions," he said, adding, "There is no sanction that can force Israel to endorse any policy that would endanger our country."
State Department spokesman James Rubin rejected Levy's contention the construction is legal under the 1993 and 1995 Oslo agreements with the Palestinians, which bar new settlements.
"The issue is not whether it is legal or not legal," he said, but the impact it had on the environment for negotiations.
US Ambassador Martin Indyk declared the US administration is unhappy with Netanyahu's announcement.
In an interview with Channel 2, Indyk said Netanyahu's declaration is disappointing and undermines the efforts being made at this moment by Albright in the General Assembly to prevent hostile resolutions against Israel.
Indyk met with Netanyahu yesterday to hear his explanation that construction in Efrat constitutes a continuation of the policy of the previous government. But Channel 2 correspondent Immanuel Rosen said Indyk was not convinced, as he indicated in the interview, which will be broadcast in full tonight.
Earlier yesterday, Indyk denied that Albright had sent Netanyahu a letter reprimanding him for Israel's policy vis-a-vis the Palestinians and demanding that he take "difficult decisions." Both Ma'ariv and Yediot Aharonot reported yesterday that Albright had sent such a letter to Netanyahu.
Palestinian officials condemned Netanyahu's announcement charging it was "another fresh nail in the coffin of Israeli-PLO talks."
Palestinian cabinet minister Hanan Ashrawi called the housing plan "a dangerously irresponsible position, bordering on a policy of insanity that is going to turn the whole region into another cycle of conflict and violence."
Returning from Washington, cabinet secretary Dan Naveh dismissed the criticism as "exaggerated" and a "tempest in a teacup."
Labor Party head MK Ehud Barak declared "it is not the right time" to build, but added that the government retains the right to build.
Government Press Office director Moshe Fogel said that the units mentioned by Netanyahu are to be built on Givat Hazayit, where construction is already taking place. The plans, he said, had been approved by the Labor government and fell within the current government policy of strengthening existing settlements.
Deputy head of the Gush Etzion Regional Council Yehiyahu Yehieli charged that US administration officials had not done their homework.
Yehieli said council officials are drawing up an urgent cable they plan to send to Albright informing her that the construction Netanyahu mentioned had been authorized by the previous government.
Yehieli charged that it is inconceivable that the US should interfere with local policy.

Inquiry uncovers intelligence, operational faults in botched raid

By ARNHE O'SULLIVAN
The military committee investigating the failed naval commando raid into south Lebanon three weeks ago has apparently uncovered deficiencies by intelligence and operations officers. But these failings did not lead to the deaths of the 11 commando and a doctor sent to help the wounded, military sources said.
Six navy officers, including OC Naval Intelligence Vice-Adm. S., have been summoned to testify before the inquiry, headed by Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir. The other officers include the intelligence officer of the commando unit, a senior operations officer, and three intelligence officers. They are to begin testifying on Sunday.
The sources also said that the summonses were not as serious as a warning letter issued in civilian inquiries, because they could be nullified if the committee was convinced by the officers' testimony that they were wrongly issued.
The Ofir committee is reasonably certain that the commando squad tripped a booby-trap set near the village of Ansariya, and were not initially decimated by a detonation of their own explosives. It has also reportedly determined that the commandos acted without fault.
The panel is expected to submit its findings in 10 days, sources said.
Military sources stressed that there was no link between the alleged deficiencies and the botched raid.
"Even if the operation had been successful and an inquiry was held, these six people would still have been summoned for questioning," a senior IDF officer said.

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Hamas: Israel tried to murder our representative

AMMAN - Hamas said two Canadians tried to attack a top party official here yesterday with an "electrical device" and described the attack as an assassination attempt by Israel.

But Jordan dismissed the incident as merely a "quarrel" between two Canadian tourists and the driver of Khalid Mashaal, the head of Hamas's political bureau, which plans the group's strategy.

Hamas representative Mohammed Nazzal told The Associated Press that one Canadian "tried to hit Mashaal with an electric device, but was stopped by one of the bodyguards." He did not give details.

Later yesterday, Mashaal was taken to hospital after "he became dizzy and vomited several times," said his wife. "He was very sick and is undergoing general physical checkup."

It was not clear whether Mashaal's sickness was related to the alleged attack, which Hamas said happened as the official and his three sons were outside his Amman office. A Hamas statement said the two alleged attackers were caught by another bodyguard and Mashaal was unhurt.

However, Hamas vowed to hit

Israeli targets inside and outside the country over what it said was an attempt to kill Mashaal.

"The Zionist enemy will pay a river of blood for one single drop of blood from one of our fighters," it said in a leaflet faxed to Reuters.

"We consider this criminal act is the beginning of the confrontation outside the borders of the homeland and the real start of unmerciful war against the Israeli interests in various places of the world," it said.

"The coming days will show the nature of the thunderous Kassam response to this condemned crime," said the leaflet, signed by Hamas's military wing, Izzadin Kassam.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak refused to comment on any aspect of the Hamas statement.

Jordanian Minister of State for Information Samir Mutawae said Mashaal was not present during the incident, which he described as an argument between Mashaal's driver and two Canadian tourists. He said all three were injured.

But the Hamas leaflet said Jordan was trying to give "cover to the attempt of assassination."

(News agencies)

Palestinians give US two conditions for renewing talks

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - Palestinian officials yesterday submitted to the US administration what they said were their two conditions for resuming peace talks with Israel: a cessation of both settlement building and some demolitions.

Negotiator Saeb Erakat told reporters following a four-hour meeting at the State Department with special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross that he also raised complaints over Israel's announcement of plans to build new housing in Gush Etzion, as well as last week's Ras al-Amud controversy.

Ross told the delegation that the Americans had informed Israel that they considered the actions "irresponsible," Erakat reported.

He also said the Palestinians would "absolutely not" consider a postponement to mid-1998 of the first and second IDF redeployments. He added that the Palestinian Authority is prepared to jump ahead to final-status

talks now, but they must be held in conjunction with discussions on implementing the interim accords.

That view matches the American position on Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's fast-track proposal.

Erakat was joined at the meeting by PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath and PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's deputy Mahmoud Abbas. An additional session between the Palestinians and Americans was to be held last night, with a third scheduled for today.

Abbas is due to meet with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Foreign Minister David Levy in New York early next week.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday night the administration presented Congress with draft legislation for renewing the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, the law that oversees US relations with the PLO.

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PA continues arrests of Hamas activists

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Palestinian Authority security forces yesterday continued their roundup of Hamas activists, although several senior members of the movement have left their homes and dropped out of sight.

But PA officials refused to publicly acknowledge that they were mistaken in their insistence that the suicide bombers who attacked Jerusalem over the summer came from abroad. One senior official continued to assert that the bombers were foreigners.

So far, about 200 Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists have been detained and 16 Hamas charities closed in PA sweeps over the past two weeks.

In Kalkilya, PA police arrested more than a dozen Hamas activists. Palestinian sources said those detained were Islamic political activists or Hamas members during the intifada.

Hamas sources said they fear the arrests will continue up the command chain of the organization. Hamas leaders last night did not answer phone calls to their homes and sources said some had gone underground.

The new wave of arrests came after Israeli security officials presented evidence to the PA that identified the suicide bombers as four residents of the Nablus-area village of Azira Shamalya. A fifth suicide bomber has not been identified.

Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz confirmed yesterday that Arab residents of east Jerusalem

were definitely involved in assisting the suicide bombers, whose two attacks in the capital this summer killed 20 and wounded hundreds.

Hefetz said police and security forces continue to receive warnings of further terrorist attacks, which he added could take place in areas where previous attacks occurred. He stressed that it is impossible to prevent suicide attacks, despite all the precautions in effect, without shutting down the entire country.

Meanwhile, PA Chairman Yasser Arafat and other PA officials continued to deny responsibility for the suicide bombings. Arafat was quoted by Palestinian

newspapers as noting the bombers came from Area B, where Israel continues to have security control.

Israeli security sources said many of the latest PA arrests were not those of terrorist suspects sought by Israel, but were low-level political activists.

As PA security forces continued their arrests, IDF soldiers maintained a curfew in Azira Shamalya, a village of 8,500 that was active during the intifada. Residents say hundreds of villagers have been arrested by the army.

"It's wrong to impose collective punishments against all the residents," said a 39-year-old taxi driver who called himself Ahmed. "The man who killed [Yitzhak

Rabin was punished, not his family. Nobody destroyed his house. This insulting treatment is accorded only to us."

A Palestinian activist said he expects the arrests to continue until the IDF learns the identity of the fifth suicide bomber.

Nasser Hamadneh, 28, and the father of three, said villagers will not tolerate an extended curfew. "If the closure continues we will attack the IDF checkpoint with stones," he said. "We weren't afraid during the intifada and we're not afraid now."

Hamadneh said he supports more suicide bomb attacks against Israel, but he and other villagers dismissed the allegations that the latest attackers came from Azira.

Some asserted that two of the four identified as suicide bombers were seen after the July 30 bombing in Mahaneh Yehuda.

Fawaz Jarara, the uncle of Mousa Jarara, one of those identified as a suicide bomber, said he does not support such attacks. "The only result is the destruction of both peoples [Palestinian and Israeli] and does not have any advantage," he said. "But if what the Israeli army says is true, then blockading the town doesn't achieve anything." Jarara was one of four brothers and studied agriculture at the Al Aroub Institute near Hebron. He was arrested by the PA Police when the IDF redeployed in the West Bank in 1995, but escaped with four others after six months in prison.

PA secretary offers to resign

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Israeli evidence presented to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat that the suicide bombers came from the territories has led to an offer of resignation by PA secretary-general Tayeb Abdul-Rahim, who had insisted that the suicide bombers came from abroad.

PA sources said Abdul-Rahim offered his resignation during a meeting of the Palestinian National Security Council. He said he took responsibility for disseminating information that has now been proven incorrect.

Abdul-Rahim was said to have asserted that the information that the bombers came from abroad was relayed by Hamas leaders as well as from reliable local and international sources. As a result, Abdul-Rahim said he no longer wants to be responsible for the PA dialogue with Hamas.

"Despite the fog that envelops the Israeli story regarding the identity of those who executed the suicide bombings, I take all responsibility as part of my position," Abdul-Rahim was quoted by the PA-aligned daily *Al Hayar al-Jedida*.

"President Arafat said during the meeting of the Palestinian leadership that if it is clear that those who carried out the suicide operation did not come from abroad then the PA will make an exerted effort against the forces of terror. We have started these steps and arrested members of Hamas who are suspected of illegal activities in violation of Palestinian law."

PA officials refused to acknowledge the Abdul-Rahim resignation.

"I'm refusing to comment on the subject," Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani told *The Jerusalem Post*. "If it's true, then there will be an official announcement."

The fifth bomber is believed to be Mahmoud Adu Hanude, 34, the alleged recruiter and ring-leader of the suicide squads. His father told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that his son has been sought by Israel since 1995. "Mahmoud was not part of any [Palestinian] organization and it's unthinkable that he is one of the suicide bombers," he said.

One of Abu Hanude's brothers said the family has not been in contact with Mahmoud for more than two years. "If he was killed during the suicide attacks, that is his choice," the brother said. "Regardless, he is a very careful person and does not fall easily into such mistakes. But if it is true then it's not a shame."

Margot Dudkevitch contributed to this report.



A smell of Israel
President Ezer Weizman offers Dagmar Havel, wife of Czech President Vaclav Havel, a fresh melon to sniff yesterday on a visit to the Negev. "I wanted them to see what Zionism is," Weizman told reporters, as Kadesh Barnea farmers showed the Havel's how salty underground water is used to grow top-quality produce.

PA: Efrat plans will undermine peace process

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

The Palestinian Authority said yesterday that Israeli plans to construct 300 apartment units in Efrat undermines current US and European efforts to renew the peace process.

PA officials said they would use the announcement made on Wednesday night by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu as evidence that Israel has failed to honor what they asserted was its agreement to the US not to embark on unilateral steps in the territories.

They warned that the PA will resist the implementation of the decision and said Palestinian representatives in Washington have raised the issue in talks with the State Department.

"This is a provocation of all the US and European efforts to resume the peace talks," Nabil Abu Rudeineh told reporters outside the PA cabinet meeting in Hebron.

PA Cabinet Secretary Ahmed Abdul-Rahman agreed.

"This is an attempt to pour fuel on the fire," he said, and was aimed at destroying the peace process.

PA officials sought to raise the Netanyahu announcement during their contacts with diplomats and foreign dignitaries. Faisal Hussein, the PA minister responsible for Jerusalem affairs, met with the visiting foreign minister of the Czech Republic and expressed Palestinian anger over the Israeli construction plans.

Husseini added the Efrat homes to a litany of PA complaints against Israel.

"This policy of closure and demolition of houses are an attempt to increase the violence on both sides," Hussein said.

Nabil Amr, adviser to PA chief Yasser Arafat, said the Palestinian protest of new construction in Efrat does not signal that the authority tolerates existing Jewish settlements.

"We are not against only new settlements but against all settlements," he told Voice of Palestine Radio.

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Baby killed by van
A one-year-old girl was killed yesterday in Tira when she climbed under the wheels of a van that had come to take her two sisters to school and the driver, unaware, drove off.

Man killed while fleeing in stolen taxi
An Arad man was killed when the stolen taxi he was driving overturned on the road between his town and Masada.
Police said the man, who had a criminal record, apparently stole the cab late Wednesday night, and was speeding away, when he lost control on a curve and overturned. The demolished taxi was discovered yesterday morning. (Titm)

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Bosnia hopes to forge ties with Israel

By MARLYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Despite its chaotic government, Bosnia intends to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, its permanent representative to the UN said yesterday.

While Bosnia's "complicated and relatively new governmental structures create a level of uncertainty," Sacirbey said, "this should not create confusion about the political intention and desire to have relations with Israel."

The Jewish and Moslem Bosnian refugees who had come to Israel were well received, said Sacirbey.

Hizbullah fire wounds woman, 2 SLA soldiers

By DAVID RUDGE

A Lebanese woman and two South Lebanese Army soldiers were wounded by Hizbullah mortar and missile fire yesterday in the security zone.

ing what he described as Israel's occupation of south Lebanon. He was reacting to comments made during a visit to the security zone earlier this week by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who warned that the IDF would shoot back if fired upon by Lebanese troops.

Mordechai seeks to extend Shahak's command

By ARISH O'SULLIVAN

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is to recommend to the cabinet on Sunday that the command of Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak be extended until mid-1998 and that he not step down as scheduled on January 1.



Jerusalem's usually busy Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall is virtually empty yesterday.

(Bryan McHursey)

'Business has never been this slow'

By ELLI WOHLGELERTER

Pre-holiday shopping is customarily a boon for shopkeepers, but not this year: Business in downtown Jerusalem isn't just suffering, it's dead.

drastic drop. Restaurants feel it more; it's so obvious because they're out on the street and you can see that all the tables are empty.

For some of Greenspan's customers, like 86-year-old Viola Lemberger, a Holocaust survivor, there's nothing to fear.

Sunday and Wednesday: Sunday is normally quiet, but Wednesday? Usually you can't walk through, it's so crowded.

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Yeltsin's revenge on Israel

MOSHE ZAK

Several years after Israeli planes destroyed the nuclear reactor built by the French near Baghdad, the French government offered to construct a nuclear power station in the Negev. In return, it sought Israel's agreement to its supplying a new reactor to Iraq, with guarantees that it would not be used for military purposes.

A team of Israeli experts went to Paris, examined the capabilities of the reactor intended for Iraq, and found that it could easily be converted to military use, in spite of the French guarantees. Israel turned down the offer.

I was reminded of this 1984 episode when I read the report from Moscow that in view of Western concern over Russia's supplying a nuclear reactor to Iran, Russia suggested joint Russian-American supervision to prevent its military use.

The inefficiency of supervision of nuclear reactors was revealed to everyone in the Gulf War, when Iraq was shown to have made great progress toward the construction of an atom bomb, despite the annual reports by the International Atomic Energy Commission that Iraq was not engaged in the production of nuclear weapons.

In its latest move, Russia displayed sophisticated diplomacy. It is trying to ensure American recognition of its joint role in central issues in the Middle East. Before the Gulf War, Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's suggestion to link the Israeli-Arab conflict to the Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait was a totally rejected by the Americans. Perhaps Primakov has suggested joint supervision of the reactor in Iran as a precedent for Russian-American supervision in other parts of the region, including Israel.

US Vice President Al Gore did not reject the suggestion out of

hand. On the contrary, when visiting Moscow he released a report prepared by a joint Russian-American team on Iran's desperate efforts to get hold of nuclear weapons. The team made no suggestion on how to prevent this; it merely said this is Iran's objective.

The team's decision to meet again in six weeks shows that Russia understands the dangers implicit in assisting Iran to manufacture nuclear weapons and long-range missiles, but implies that it's

There is no reason to confront the US over Russia's military aid to Iran

all right to wait. Israel, on the other hand, is conscious of the urgency of acting against this.

IT IS not clear that Yeltsin is capable of laying down the law to the Russian establishment. His rival, Gen. Alexander Lebed, recently announced that 100 suitcase-size Russian tactical nuclear weapons are missing. Sanctions and tempting offers of compensation are no use in the face of such anarchy.

So it was unwise of our government to announce publicly it would encourage the US Congress to impose sanctions on Russian companies supplying nuclear or ballistic weapons to Iran. Given the disintegration of the centers of power in Russia, such a decision is hard to implement.

There is certainly no reason to have a confrontation over this issue with the US administration, which is opposed to legislation conditioning aid to Russia on an end to Russian aid to Iran's rear-

ment.

When Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was here, she requested the government not to encourage its friends in Congress to suggest conditions for American aid to Russia. This request can and should be fulfilled. It is not a question of principle or conscience. It is a question of tactics.

Even if the government is convinced that this is the only way to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, it is very doubtful this should be stated in public.

Twenty years ago, when US Jews asked their congressmen members to support the Jackson-Vanik amendment conditioning the granting of most-favored-nation trade status to the Soviet Union on its allowing Jews to emigrate, the Russians could only guess that Israel was behind the move. Israel refused to be identified in public as its initiator.

In the spring of 1975, the Soviet ambassador in Washington met with his Israeli counterpart to see if the legislation could be averted. When he did not succeed, Russia punished Israel by pushing for the Zionism-is-racism resolution in the UN.

Now Boris Yeltsin is taking revenge on Israel by stating that it, and not the Palestinian Authority, is responsible for the stagnation of the peace process.

The pretentious statement that Israel will push the US Congress to enact sanctions against Russian companies creates the impression that our government, which is having trouble enlisting support for its legislation in the Knesset, is all-powerful in Congress. The statement is foolish and damaging. It would be better to work with the US administration on this issue.

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placing his proposals on the table for discussion. Sadat demonstrated a type of leadership that was unique then and has not been repeated since in the Arab world.

Since Sadat, Egypt has been traveling in reverse. The atmosphere in Cairo is now more hostile to Israelis than it was in 1977. The newspapers, including such mainstream organs as *Al-Ahram*, publish a steady diet of coarse anti-

Mubarak has allowed himself to be led into a deeper confrontation with Israel

Israeli and antisemitic propaganda.

THE arrest and trial of Azzam Azzam was remarkably similar to one of the spy serials on government-controlled television that feature stereotypical Israelis, complete with invisible ink and seductive El Al stewardesses. Israel is also blamed for everything from AIDS to putting aphrodisiacs in candies.

Journalists, engineers, lawyers, entertainers, and their professional guilds maintain a boycott of Israel, not because of specific Israeli policies, but because this hostility has become a vehicle for the affirmation of Egyptian and Arab patriotism. These Egyptians have lost confidence in themselves, and they blame Israel for their problems.

Unlike his predecessor, Mubarak seems to fear that any positive gesture toward Israel, however small, such as the release and expulsion of Azzam, would lead to a loss of influence. But Egypt's problems are not

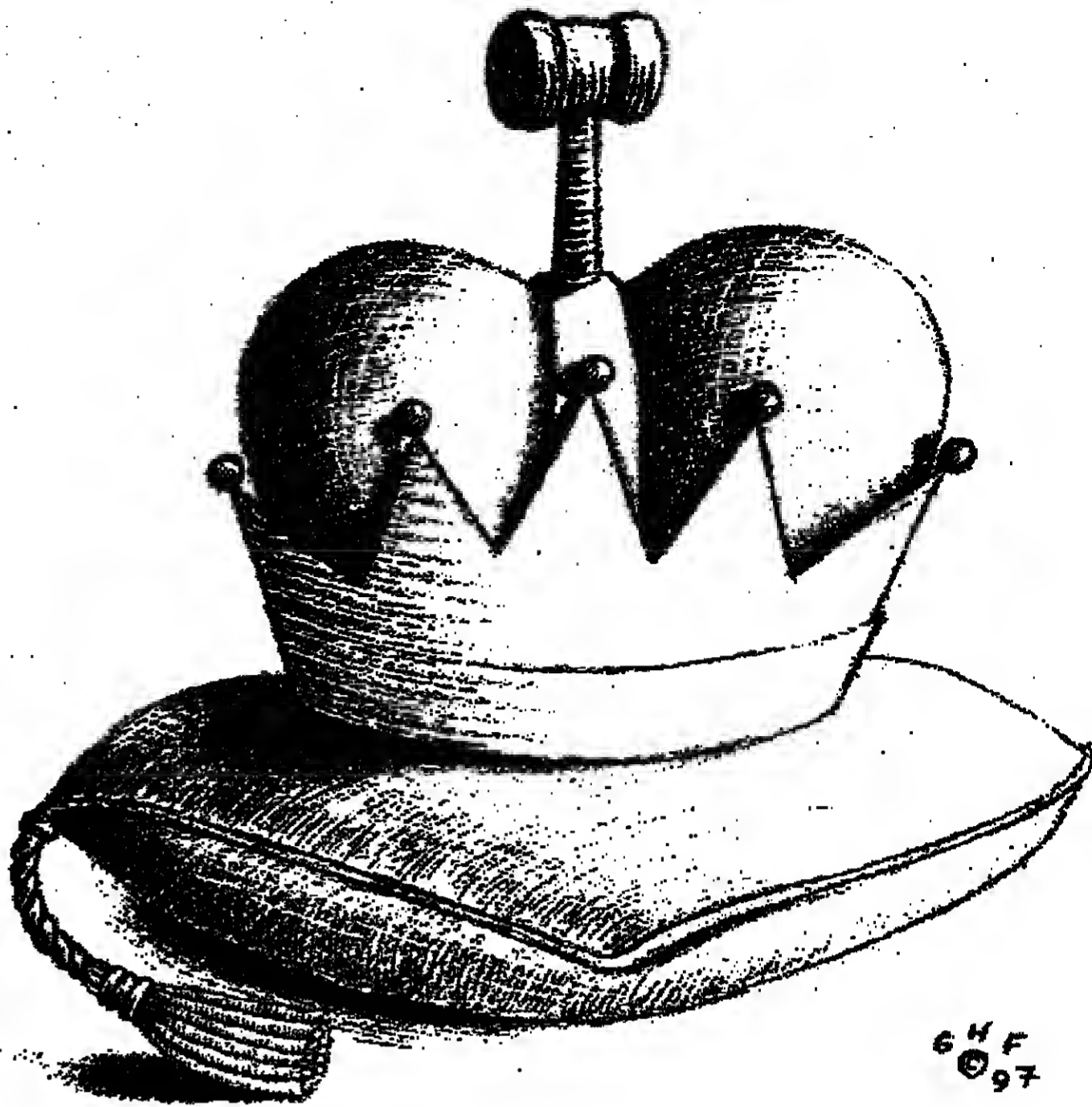
external, and have nothing to do with Israel. They are the result of failed economic policies and corruption that have contributed to poverty, social unrest, and terrorism. (The Islamic revolutionary groups inside Egypt that were responsible for the assassination of Sadat and for the continuing terrorism in Cairo are motivated primarily by economic and social objectives.) The climate of hostility toward Israel does nothing to solve these fundamental problems.

In fact, Mubarak and his colleagues, such as National Security Adviser Osama el-Baz and Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, know that to achieve enough economic growth to survive and maintain power, the Egyptian government needs a stable regional environment. But by failing to take positive steps, including ignoring or challenging the old-guard "intellectuals" for whom hostility to Israel is a way of life, the Egyptians are further undermining what is left of the peace process.

Egypt was and remains the key to the success of this process in the long term. Sadat knew that without leadership from Cairo, the efforts to create an atmosphere of tolerance and mutual coexistence elsewhere in the Middle East are doomed to failure. However, since Sadat, the Egyptians have acted against their own national interests and the interests of the Arab world by attempting to isolate Israel.

If we are going to escape the cycle of hatred and violence, the Egyptian leadership, beginning with President Mubarak, must show the way. Mubarak can start by pardoning Azzam Azzam, and he will surely find the right words to explain this act of statesmanship to the Egyptian people.

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The man who would be king

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

process of law-making by elected officials, but a set of values to be enforced by the judiciary. The judge, writes Barak in *Judicial Review*, is entitled to resolve fundamental conflicts of values within society, consonant with the view of the "enlightened population in whose midst he dwells." In his search for the enlightened elite, the judge, Barak admits, will rarely have to look further than himself.

The Barakian judge is out

Barak shares with Frederick the Great more than a desire to advance his values with all the means at his disposal

bound by any societal consensus. Indeed the judge "must sometimes depart the confines of his legal system and channel into it fundamental values not yet found in it." In the basic laws enacted in 1992, Barak found virtual carte blanche for such enrichment of our legal system according to the views of the enlightened population.

He characterized those laws, in a series of articles and speeches, as a virtual constitutional revolution, "a powerful tool to change Israel society." In addition to the brief, and largely uncontroversial, list of enumerated rights in those laws, Barak has argued that they include a wide array of "unenumerated rights."

THE claim that the basic laws constitute an embryonic constitution is completely unwarranted, according to former Supreme Court president Moshe Landau. Uriel Lynn, then chairman of the

Knesset Law Committee and chief sponsor of the laws, specifically denied that they were intended to confer any new powers on the Supreme Court.

Nothing in the text of the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom, which takes up less than a column in the statute books, proclaims it the supreme law of the land - indeed Section 10 explicitly leaves in force all previously enacted laws.

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advance. And by his domination of the process of selection of judges at all levels, he ensures the court of a steady stream of intellectual clones.

A legal lightweight like Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, eager to shed his image as a partisan bully-boy, provides no counterweight to his legal betters in the selection process.

Last week, Barak again rejected calls to make the court more representative. His preference for objective criteria of legal expertise would ring less hollow had the Barak court confined itself to the technical aspects of judging - a task, by the way, for which many of its members had no prior experience.

Instead Barak has consistently thrust the court into the role of policy-maker and arbiter of values. The proposed jurisdictional reforms he backs are largely designed to remove the court from the bumrump business of appellate review, and turn it exclusively to reviewing governmental decisions.

On such divisive issues as the definition of Israel as a Jewish state, there is no basis to prefer the subjective views of "enlightened" justices, chosen from an extremely narrow band of the legal community, to those of elected officials. (An informal quota limits the court to one religious justice out of 15, while a quarter of MKs are religious.) To the extent that such issues cannot be finessed, they should be hashed out in a forum where all segments of society have been heard.

The era of the philosopher king has passed. It should not be revived here.

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'Offer some carrots with the stick'



Gillon: If Arafat could show his people some real benefits, he could do better in the fight against terror. (Ailon Roos/Israel Sun)

Former GSS head Carmi Gillon agrees with the prime minister that Yasser Arafat could do more to fight terrorism. But, he tells David Rudge, Israel could also do more to make it worth the Palestinian Authority chairman's while to crack down on Hamas.



Soldiers are very much on the alert as they patrol the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall in Jerusalem after the triple-suicide bombing there. (AP)

Former General Security Service chief Carmi Gillon is convinced that the Palestinian Authority could and should do more to crack down on terrorism.

Gillon says there was a time when the PA had the motivation but lacked the ability to prevent terrorism. Today the means are available, but the motivation is lacking.

Gillon spoke to *The Jerusalem Post* after it was revealed that the suicide bombers who staged the attacks in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market and Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall, killing 20 Israelis, were from the West Bank.

Four bombers have been identified by the GSS as residents of Azira Shamalya, a small village near Nablus. A fifth Hamas activist suspected of recruiting the bombers, and possibly of being the fifth suicide bomber, has also been identified.

He was from the same village. Azira Shamalya is in Area B, under Israeli security control, although Nablus is controlled by the PA.

It is widely believed that the ringleaders and organizers of the attacks, from Hamas's so-called military arm Izzadin Kassam, live and operate from PA-controlled areas.

The fact that the bombers came from the West Bank is seen by some as vindicating the government's claims that the PA wasn't meeting the security obligations of the Oslo Accords.

Gillon, however, maintains that although Israel's demands on PA Chairman Yasser Arafat are totally justified, "the issue is much more complicated and complex."

Israel, he says, may also have been remiss in capturing the bombers. "The four suicide bombers in question had been on our wanted list since 1995," says Gillon.

"They were arrested by the PA but were 'lucky' enough to

escape. Since then they had remained wanted fugitives both by us and the PA."

The fact that the fugitives had eluded both authorities, "is the focus of the matter," says Gillon, "because it shows that if there had been full cooperation [between Israel and the PA] and real efforts by the Palestinians to crack down on the terrorists, the attacks in Jerusalem could have been prevented."

Gillon also notes that there is no shortage of recruits for suicide attacks and that the bombers themselves are only the end of a chain.

"The problem lies with the bigger fish, the ringleaders, planners, the bomb-makers and the suppliers and those who assist them - people like Mohammed Deif and Mohieddin Sharif and other leaders of Izzadin Kassam," he says.

"As far as we know these people are fugitives living under cover in the PA-controlled areas. Mohammed Deif, for instance, has been on Israel's wanted list since 1992, more than two years before Arafat came to Gaza."

Although Deif is also wanted by the PA, Gillon said he was "not sure whether the Palestinians are making any real efforts to arrest this man."

In general, he says, "it's clear that the Palestinians are not making the 100 percent effort that we demand of them to crack down on the terrorists. That doesn't mean that we expect 100% success, because that is really a mission impossible."

He believes that Israel has to consider the political and economic difficulties faced by Arafat, and the PA's status with the Palestinian public.

"At present Arafat is not giving his people anything. The economic situation is very bad and there are no real moves on the political front," says Gillon.

"The yearly income of an average Israeli family, for instance is about \$17,000, while

that of a Palestinian family is about \$1,000. Hamas is a social and welfare movement that provides people with services, as well as being a political organization with a radical terrorist element."

"Arafat and the PA, therefore, have to be seen to be giving something to the Palestinians on the political front, and something that improves their standard of living at least."

At one time, Gillon adds, when there was "secret and direct dialogue between the Israeli and Palestinian security forces, we had some really impressive successes in preventing terror."

"At that time the political process was progressing, the economic situation for the Palestinians was better. There was talk of investment in Gaza and the West Bank, their future appeared brighter and the atmosphere between the two sides was much better."

"More recently, Arafat and the PA have not been seeing any light, from their point of view, at the end of the tunnel, and consequently the motivation to crack

down on radical elements has been reduced," Gillon asserts.

Gillon maintains that Arafat, while known to be a political tightrope walker, is nevertheless acutely aware of the threat he and the PA are facing from Hamas.

His attempts to placate Hamas

Israel are contrary to the overall interests of the PA and the Palestinian people.

If Israel wants Arafat to fight terrorism effectively, Gillon says, "we have to try and show Arafat some light at the end of the tunnel. By this I don't mean a Palestinian state, but that the

security is better now than it was before redeployment to the present lines - despite the fatalities and casualties we have suffered as a result of suicide attacks," says Gillon.

"If we had the situation as it was before then, there would still be suicide attacks, in addition to an ongoing intifada - the drive-by shootings, petrol-bomb attacks, stone-throwing and numerous other incidents perpetrated by those other than Muslim extremists," he says.

Despite his belief in the need for better cooperation between Israel and the PA, Gillon reveals that the GSS began reorganizing as early as 1993, in preparation for the handover of parts of the West Bank and most of the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians.

"I think it is a form of propaganda on the part of those who say that we would have achieved greater success in preventing terror attacks had we remained in the territories," says Gillon.

"It should be remembered that we suffered suicide bomber attacks on the buses in Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan and Jerusalem more

than a year before the redeployment."

"In fact we started reorganizing after September 1993 to have new abilities in the intelligence field. This/this/this last week," says Gillon, referring to the uncovering of a cell that planned to attack the mall in Jerusalem and kidnap Mayor Ehud Olmert.

Another benefit of reorganized intelligence, Gillon says, was the GSS success this week in identifying the Jerusalem suicide bombers.

"I know that the GSS has enough knowledge about Hamas and radical Islamic organizations, even though it has always been very difficult to infiltrate such groups, not just here, and gather real-time intelligence on them," Gillon says.

But Palestinian input is still needed to do the job better and prevent more attacks, he adds. Work to obtain early leads on bomb suspects "can be and is being done in the areas under our control, but in other places we need the cooperation of the Palestinian Authority."

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and radical elements through negotiation have only raised the ire of Israelis and have consequently impeded the peace process.

Yet Arafat could be brought around to taking more action against Hamas, Gillon says. He knows that terror attacks on

process is advancing."

According to Gillon's thesis, Arafat would have greater political freedom to act against terrorist elements if he could show the Palestinian people some substantial benefits at the end of the day.

"Overall, I would say that

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David Levy's 'ties that bind'

Israel has not quit the peace process, said Foreign Minister David Levy to *The Jerusalem Post* in New York this week.

Levy was busy talking with his counterparts from Europe, the Americas and the Far East prior to a trilateral meeting in Washington next week. In it, the US, Israel and the Palestinians will be conferring with a view to renewing bilateral Israeli-Palestinian talks in the region.

Moving ahead to final-status talks "makes sense," Levy said. Logic dictates that any agreement depends on whether it looks worthwhile to both sides, he added.

The foreign minister warned that the process could become "bogged down in marginal issues" that come up in interim talks, causing the situation to explode.

"The Oslo Accords did not solve anything," he declared. "They only created a path to a solution. The complex issues must be worked out in final-status talks."

When Levy confers with Palestinian deputy leader Mahmoud Abbas in the presence of US Secretary of State Albright on Monday, he will be seeking a firm commitment from the Palestinian Authority: the upholding of its commitment to peace and an end to efforts to mobilize the Arab League against Israel. Today Levy is due to confer with State Department peace coordinator Dennis Ross in preparation for Monday's sessions.

The "ensemble" created by the PA and Arab League, Levy said, "does not contribute to peace. This anti-Israel campaign fosters the impression that a peace process is under way when there is no gen-

The foreign minister took time off in the US this week to tell Jay Bushinsky that respect for the peace process must be mutual

...peace process going on. "I contend that there should be a binding Code of Conduct, in accordance with which respect for the peace process will be mutual," Levy said. "One side can't be making demands at the same time that it does not fulfill its side of the Oslo Accords."

These themes are likely to be among those discussed in Levy's address to the UN General Assembly on Monday. Repeatedly during the interview, Levy hammered away at the PA's failure to snuff out the terrorist campaign motivated by Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Citing the discovery that four of the suicide bombers who blew themselves up in Jerusalem's Mahaneh Yehuda market and Ben-Yehuda mall were Palestinians from the West Bank, Levy said "this proves the PA has not been acting against terrorism." He noted that Israel had submitted the bombers' names on a list of 88 other terrorist suspects - to no avail. "They pursued them, but did not catch them," he said. Levy charged, moreover, that the PA did not consult with Israel at any stage of the pursuit.

However, the foreign minister rules out abandoning the peace process because of intermittent acts of terrorism. "Not to proceed

so as not to be hurt by terrorism is absurd," he declared, rejecting the notion that any headway made in the peace process seems to generate terror against Israelis.

Levy would not discuss rumors about PA Chairman Yasser Arafat's health. "He is the man elected by the Palestinians," he said. "The peace process is being conducted with the Palestinian leadership, not just with one man."

LEVY HAD just completed a round of talks with China's foreign minister, and was encouraged by the outcome. "The Chinese have dropped their former intention to transfer a nuclear reactor, supposedly for peaceful purposes, to Iran," he said.

But the foreign minister refused to be drawn into the political debate now raging in the US over the pursuit of incentive economic ties with the Beijing regime, despite its dismal record in the realm of human rights.

"Israel is not out to reform the world," he said, contending that if economic opportunities exist in China they should be seized without "intervening in Chinese domestic affairs."

Levy sounded equally pragmatic about Israel's diplomatic links with Russia. The overriding issue in his talks with Russian Foreign

Minister Yevgeny Primakov was Moscow's supply of long-range missile technology to Iran.

"If those weapons become operative, they will pose a grave threat to Israel's security, and then it will be too late," he said. Levy seemed to be implying that the Russo-Iranian missile deals should be canceled now.

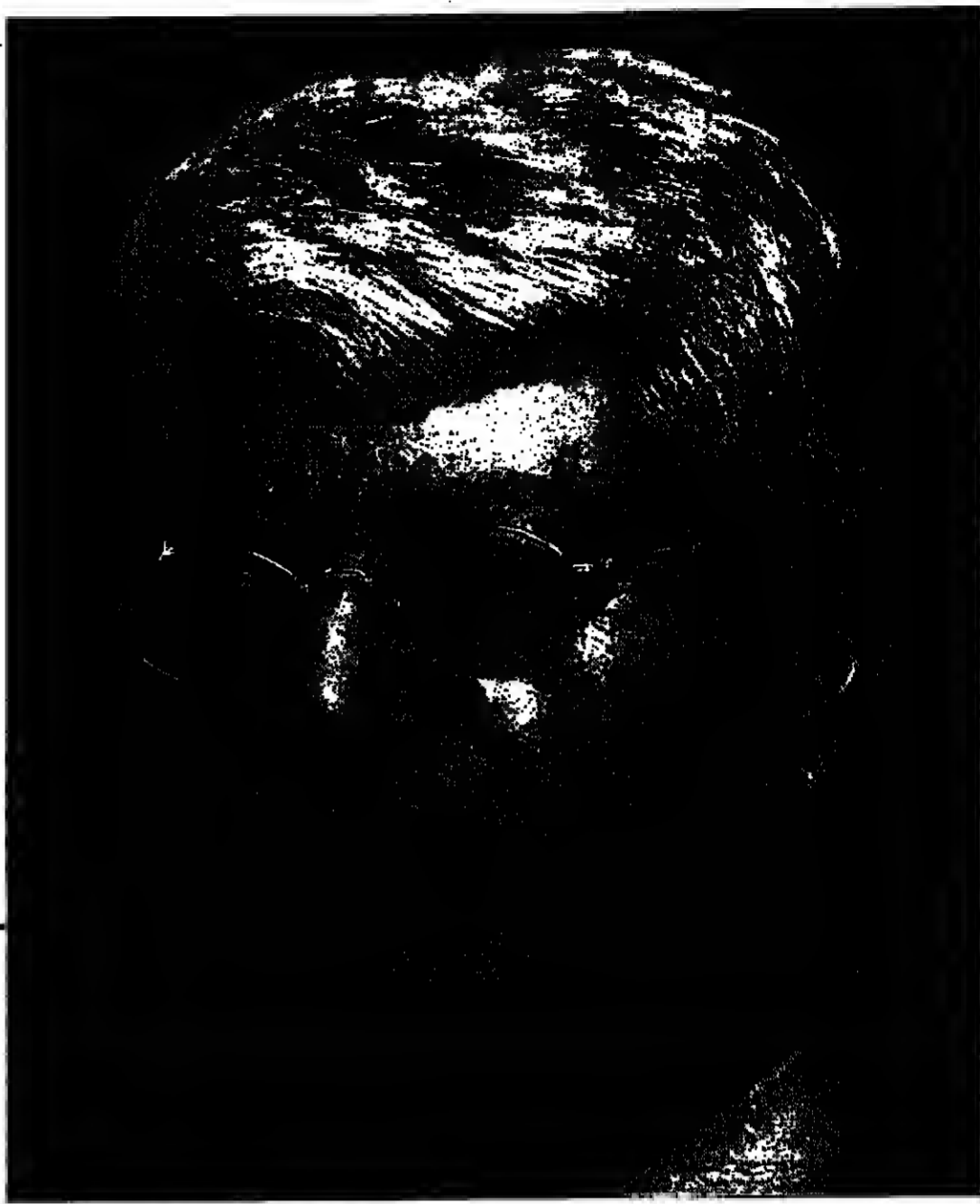
Levy was generally upbeat about his talks with the Russian diplomat, describing Primakov, whom he has met several times, as "a very experienced man."

But he would not discuss Israel's potential retaliation if the Iranian missile threat is not defused, and refused to comment on reports that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called for a halt in negotiations with the Russians on the supply of natural gas to Israel.

Levy strongly protested Israel's exclusion from the UN's various regional groupings, which means it cannot win a seat on the Security Council. In a full-page ad published in *The New York Times* this week, he demanded that the UN Secretariat "compel our acceptance" to one of the geographical groupings.

"It took 15 years to annul the UN resolution that equated Zionism with racism," Levy recalled, implying that constant pressure will eventually succeed.

The foreign minister confirmed reports that his meetings in the US will include discussions with representatives of countries with which Israel has no diplomatic relations. (Levy's aides hinted that surprises may be in the offing on this score.) He pointed out that during his previous tenure as foreign minister Israel established or renewed relations with 34 countries, including China and India.



Levy rules out abandoning the peace process.

(Efraim Kilshok)

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Ironically, Klein sees less danger of this if Arafat departs because of a violent action. "In that case, the danger of chaos would be less because they would likely draw together against an outside enemy," he said.

THE LONDON-BASED newsletter *Foreign Report* said that Fatah leaders have named four possible successors to Arafat: Abu Mazen; Abu 'Ali; Faisal; Hussein; and Farnik Kaddoumi.

Although Farouk Kad-doumi, head of the PLO Political Department in Tunis, has been touted as a possible successor to Arafat, Klein does not think that likely, because of his absence from the region. Klein also does not see Jerusalem's Hussein emerging as the Palestinian leader.

"He doesn't have the power base to establish a third coalition," Klein said.

During the Ras al-Amud dispute, Klein noted, the Palestinian national leadership opposed

Hussein's attempts at confrontation with Israel, preferring to coordinate steps with the US.

Other Israelis familiar with the Palestinian scene say there are other plausible contenders for Arafat's job.

One named Barghouti as a possible contender. Another named Salah Ta'amri from the Beit Sahur area, a former ranking PLO commander captured during the Lebanon War and now a member of the legislative council. He was cited for his military record and charisma.

All this speculation, of course, may be premature. Maj.-Gen. (res.) Oren Shabor, former coordinator of activities in the territories, has met Arafat many times over the years and says he has often seen the trembling-lip syndrome.

"He's had it since he was injured in a plane crash some years ago," said Shabor. Others put Arafat's seeming despondency down to the political situation.

Sooner or later, however, the *rais* must step aside. Israelis and Palestinians may want to begin focusing even now on the figures standing in the shadows behind him.

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Yahiya is the Palestinians' negotiator for all security aspects of the talks. He explains that the PA's concept of the port is based on the assumption that there will be a Palestinian state. But, he says, this shouldn't hold Israel back from okaying the start of construction, since work on the port will take about a year-and-a-half to complete. "And by then we may have wound up the final status talks," Yahiya says.

It is operational issues like security procedures and customs arrangements that are the most sensitive, and the Palestinians feel these can be discussed at a later stage, when most of the construction is done. "In our studies," says Tarzi, "we even considered the possibility of trade with Arab states as far afield as Iraq."

Israelis tend to see the port in political terms, as a symbol of a state, he says. And they fear that in the future Arab states like Iraq or Syria may prefer to use Gaza's port over an Israeli port, once there is

peace in the region. But Tarzi insists that the port will serve Israeli businesses too, since it will be the smallest commercial port in the Mediterranean.

"Smaller Israeli businesses will profit because it will be cheaper and less time-consuming for them to import and export through Gaza rather than through Ashdod or Haifa. Administrative procedures at a small port are easier." According to a Dutch source, the port will have the capacity to handle boats of up to 15,000 tons.

Tarzi dismisses Israeli fears that the PA might use the port to smuggle in weapons, or for other military purposes. There are other ways to bring in weapons, he says, and Israel could always search boats on the high seas. He notes, however, that a captain might view such action as piracy, and that could trigger problems, even clashes.

Yahiya says some security arrangements could be worked out on the pattern of those at other international crossing points, like the Jordan bridges or the Gaza Strip. The nature of those arrangements would depend on the status of the Palestinian areas.

The Palestinians also view the port and the Gaza airport as an important symbol of independence and sovereignty. The most significant thing about the port, PA officials say, is that it will open Gaza up, that it will open up independent trade routes for the Palestinians.

FAYEZ Zaidan, head of the PA's Civil Aviation, says the Palestinians feel locked into the Gaza Strip. This makes it very important, he says, that agreement be reached with Israel on the airport and on construction of the seaport. The ports, Zaidan adds, will help the Palestinians' escape the stranglehold of the closure.

Bar-Ilan agrees on the importance of the airport and seaport issues once negotiations resume. Israel recognizes that the free movement of people and goods is an important aspect of the Oslo accords. "Israel has no problem with this," Bar-Ilan says, "but it will insist for security reasons on inspecting who and what enters the Gaza Strip."

Bar-Ilan notes that the Dahariya airport, in the southern part of the Gaza Strip, "is much bigger than

what was agreed between the sides. We have no problem with their having an international passenger airport, but we do mind their receiving military planes which can carry tanks or an entire army." Zaidan agrees that the airport - a fully equipped international airport ready for operations - can receive very large planes, but insists that the intended use is civilian.

The PA was close to reaching agreement with Israel on the airport before Mahaneh Yehuda, he says; in fact, the two sides were to have drafted a joint paper the following day. While major differences remain, he feels Israel is ready to come to an understanding.

According to Yahiya, the main sticking point is the sides' differing concepts of security. The Israelis want to keep overall security control at the airport; the Palestinians argue that the airport is in PA territory, and so they should be in charge of security there. Zaidan feels that, with goodwill, special security arrangements can be worked out once the sides agree on this principle.

"It is an international passage, but not a border point, since it is

inside our territory. We must therefore work out special arrangements."

The Palestinians are eager to start operating their airport. Palestine Airlines is already off the ground, with offices in Gaza selling tickets for flights between El-Arish in Egypt and Jordan. The Palestinians have two planes, donated by the Dutch, carrying up to 48 passengers. Zaidan says they are planning to bring in more aircraft, adding Lamaca in Cyprus and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia to their destinations.

The PA already has bilateral transport agreements with Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Qatar and Jordan, and will start flying to these countries once there is agreement on the airport. "Theoretically, we can fly to all countries that have agreements with Israel," Zaidan says.

According to negotiator Yahiya, settling the outstanding issues of the interim agreement satisfactorily with Israel would do much to build confidence between the sides, something that is vital if the deadlock on the most important issues - settlements, further redeployment and the resumption of final status negotiation - is ever to be broken.

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When upholders of the law clash

With Ras al-Amud, tensions at the top of the police pyramid have risen once again. Is there something in the job that makes it impossible for the police chief to get along with the police minister? Herb Keinon asks

It's not easy being an underling, even a powerful one. Just ask this country's police inspectors-general, both past and present.

Police chief Assaf Hefetz was summoned Saturday night to the home of his boss, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, to straighten out relations following a well-publicized spat over the move of right-wing activists to the Irving Moskowitz property in Ras al-Amud.

Kahalani, along with Jerusalem Police Commissioner Yair Yitzhaki, knew beforehand that the families would move in but didn't do anything to stop it. Hefetz thought they should have. Newspapers wrote of bad blood between Kahalani and Hefetz, of a sharpening of knives, a crisis of confidence.

If true, it wouldn't be the first time that the nation's two top law-

"Tension in the ranks occurs before the end of every inspector-general's term."

enforcement officials have clashed. Tension with the boss seems to come with the top police job.

Exhibit A: Herzl Shafir and Josef Burg. In 1980 relations between interior minister Burg, who was in charge of the police, deteriorated to the point where Burg fired inspector-general Shafir over a police investigation into the Interior Ministry.

Exhibit B: Ya'acov Termer and Moshe Shahal. Termer was forced to resign in 1993 after he met with Labor Party representatives over the possibility of running on their ticket in a mayoral race in either Tel Aviv or Beersheba.

Termer's resignation came amid a tumultuous relationship with Shahal, whom he accused of interfering in the investigation of Aryeh Deri.

And now there is the Kahalani-



It takes two to tango: The relationship between Police Chief Assaf Hefetz (left) and his boss Avigdor Kahalani is not an easy one.

(Brian Hendler, Isaac Harari)

Hefetz tango. Their reported flare-up between the two comes just two months before Kahalani decides whether to extend

Hefetz's tenure. Hefetz has been in the job since May 1994, and Yair Yitzhaki is a leading candidate to replace him.

much tension with the boss, a degree of tension that is often absent in relations between the defense minister and his chief of staff?

"Friction between the two is almost inherent in the position,"

WHAT IS it about the position of inspector-general that generates so

commented Termer.

"The source of the inspector-general's authority is not only the minister, but the law. When it comes to investigations, the minister cannot interfere. This causes obvious friction."

Termer believes that this source of friction doesn't exist between the defense minister and chief of

staff because in that relationship the lines of ultimate authority are more clearly drawn, and flow from the minister downward.

Termer observed that whereas the minister in charge of police is a politician, the inspector-general is supposed to be a professional policeman, whose prime consideration should be security. These

perspectives are bound to clash. And this, Termer said, is apparently what happened at Ras al-Amud.

Hefetz was reportedly on the verge of resigning last week because he felt Kahalani and Yitzhaki had gone over his head in handling Ras al-Amud. Hefetz was apparently under the impression that the Jerusalem police, which had prior information, would stop the families from entering the house. He was flabbergasted when he saw that nothing was done to stop the move, which in his view, should have been halted for the sake of public security.

"This is something that would never have happened under former Jerusalem police commissioner Aryeh Amit," he reportedly said at an internal police meeting.

ONCE A disagreement in the top

In 1980, it was Herzl Shafir at loggerheads with Josef Burg. In 1993, it was Ya'acov Termer and Moshe Shahal.

police ranks became apparent, everyone put their own spin on it.

Some, led by MK Yossi Sarid, head of Meretz, charged that Kahalani kept Hefetz out of the Ras al-Amud loop because he did not want him to keep the settlers from moving in. That could have caused a confrontation with Moskowitz, who was a big contributor to the non-party movement that spawned Kahalani's party, the Third Way.

Police sources quoted by the media have alleged that Yitzhaki did not try to block the families from moving in because he is cycling Hefetz's job, and wanted to curry favor with Kahalani.

Yehuda Eliram, a former top-ranking police officer and police historian at Bar-Ilan University, said that the relationship between Kahalani and Hefetz is generally harmonious, "al-though no one's talking about love."

There have been periods of tension, said Eliram, who describes himself as a "close friend of Hefetz." He said that the tension could get worse as the time draws near for a decision over whether to keep Hefetz in his job.

"Tension in the ranks is something that occurs before the end of every inspector-general's term," he said. "It is a natural tension between people, but the knives have not been drawn."

The public, Eliram said, "expects and even wants" to see conflict in the police, with the result often being a self-fulfilling prophecy. According to this pattern, news of infighting appears in the papers, which leads to arguments among officers over who leaked the information, which then brings more friction and infighting.

Eliram commented that Kahalani's military background - as a heroic commander in the Golan Heights during the Yom Kippur War, who reached the rank of brigadier general - tends to give him a "hands-on" approach to the police. At the same time, Hefetz does not want a supra-inspector general breathing down his neck. Eliram noted too that police work by its very nature breeds tension.

The relations between the country's chiefs of police and their bosses were generally good until 1974, said Eliram, which is when, in the years after the Six Day War and the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the police became involved in more politically volatile events, fighting terrorism and other security-related crimes.

Police involvement in the war on terrorism puts the police minister and inspector-general in close and constant contact. "Kahalani is continuously receiving information, he wants to be involved in events, and events are very sensitive. This is not a normal police situation," Eliram said.

"There is constant readiness," he added. "There is a constant need for information. The minister needs questions answered, and there is a great deal of information going back and forth. There is a lot of contact, and this increases the possible points of conflict."

Eliram added that, inevitably, communication is bound to break down at one time or another.

And a "communication breakdown" is exactly the way the Ras al-Amud incident was dismissed by police spokesmen after the meeting Saturday night at Kahalani's house.

Maybe so. But when communication breaks down over a sensitive issue like Ras al-Amud, and when it happens in the few months leading up to a decision on the inspector-general's job, it feeds all kinds of speculation.

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Fears of brutality to come

Amid the controversy over the IDF's presence in Lebanon, Larry Derfner ponders one problem: How to prevent Israel's South Lebanese Army allies and their families from being massacred if the army withdraws

About 3,000 SLA soldiers live with their families in villages in the security zone in south Lebanon and in the Jezzeine enclave just north of the zone. Most of the soldiers' countrymen, especially Hizbullah, regard them as collaborators.

Since Israel established the zone in 1985, some 400 SLA militiamen have been killed in the fighting - roughly twice the number of Israeli soldiers killed.

Dr. Eyal Zisser, one of Israel's leading authorities on Lebanon and Syria, believes the SLA's safety could be ensured in a formal, agreed-upon IDF withdrawal.

Zisser thinks that no more than 100 or so SLA officers and their families - those who are seen as identifying politically with Israel - would have to be relocated here, or possibly in France. (The family of Gen. Antoine Lahad, leader of the SLA, lives in France today.) The officers are essentially mercenaries in Israel's pay, whose past association would be forgotten.

"In Lebanon it is considered acceptable to switch sides according to the way the wind is blowing,"

says Zisser, a senior researcher at Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies. (He notes the example of Elie Hobeika, who during the Lebanon War was a Christian Phalangist leader, key perpetrator of the Sabra and Shatilla massacre, and bitter enemy of Syria. Today Hobeika is the senior representative of Syria's interests in the Lebanese Parliament.)

A senior defense official, however, is less sanguine about the SLA's prospects in the event of an Israeli pullout. The official, insisting on anonymity, says the safety of the SLA is one of Israel's key conditions for a peace treaty, but adds that even if such a condition were agreed to, "I couldn't give [the SLA] a bank guarantee that nothing would happen to them."

He says each of the soldiers has 10 or so family dependents, making it simply not feasible to resettle them all in Israel. (Thousands of SLA family members living in the security zone commute to work daily in northern Israeli factories, crossing through the "Good Fence" at Menula. This is part of the SLA's deal with Israel, explains Zisser.)



SLA leader Antoine Lahad emphasizes a point to a smiling Yitzhak Mordechai as an unidentified IDF colonel looks on.

Furthermore, the soldiers have no connection with France, and France has never offered them sanctuary, the defense official notes.

Labor MK Gen. (res.) Ori Orr, who was in charge of Northern Command from 1983 to 1986, says the danger is not restricted to the SLA.

"There are whole villages with mainly Christian residents, but also Shi'ites and Druse, who have been our allies for 20 years. We're talking about thousands of people," Orr says, who would face massacre unless the Lebanese and Syrian authorities agreed to guarantee their safety.

After a peace treaty, Orr expects that the villagers and SLA militiamen would be safe at home, and would not have to be relocated. But if Israel unilaterally withdraws from the zone, he adds, they will be helpless.

Over half of the SLA fighters are Maronite Christians, with the rest Shi'ite Muslims and Druse. The commanders are overwhelmingly Christian.

Typical of their surroundings, the militia is rife with corruption and brutality, explains Zisser. "They're not righteous men, they're Lebanese."

Whoops! Wrong bank

Conventional wisdom says that what you learn in your formative years is what stays with you for the rest of your life. Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, who was raised in a Revisionist household, grew up singing about the two banks of the Jordan. That may explain his repeated slips when talking to members of the Council for a Beautiful Israel about plans to repurify the Yarkon river and rid it of pollutants. Try as he did to get it right, Milo kept referring to the Jordan.

ous visit seven years ago, said that coffee houses and cafes are part of the social life of every country. For Reuma Weizman who, together with her husband President Ezer Weizman accompanied Havel through the mall, it was a second visit since the recent bomb explosion.

ONE OF several speakers at the inauguration of a CBI exhibit, The Yarkon River - A National Asset, Milo followed Environment Minister Rafael Eitan. After goofing the first time over the river's name, Milo explained the political philosophy according to which he had been educated. "Now we're left with two banks of the Yarkon," he said, to which Eitan retorted: "We've barely got that."

MONEY always helps make weddings a little more memorable - and when money is no object, the memory lingers as much in the minds of the guests as in the minds of the bride and groom. When Rebecca Gutman and David Borsok got married at the Princess Hotel in Eilat this week, 300 guests were flown in from Germany and food and drink flowed in abundance. The fireworks alone, let off at the end of the ceremony, cost \$2,500. The flowers, \$1,700. Yet both items were among the lesser budgetary considerations in the million-dollar affair. To top it all off, the bride is a genuine beauty, with the face and figure of a model, while the groom bears a distinct resemblance to film star Bruce Willis. The hotel is currently preparing for a similar extravaganza next week, except that this time the guests are being flown in from France. Among the European social set, a luxury oasis in a desert setting is apparently the *in* thing.

THE WAY to a man's heart may well be through his stomach, but the way to a woman's heart is through her fortune teller. Knowing this, Michal and Assi Aviv, proprietors of Picasso restaurants, catering and services, provided both at the launch of their new season's menus at their Herzliya Pituaq banquet halls. Black-garbed hostesses wearing high, pointed witches' hats ushered guests into the hall. The men made a beeline for the well-laden buffet, while women lined up in front of the booths of palm-reader Aliza Gabai-Krashevski, facial line reader Sylvie Shafton, crystals reader Timna, numerologist

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- 1 Contract in a card game (7)
- 5 Poor gypsies gold wild party (4)
- 9 Bounced off to see romantic film? (4,4,3,4)
- 10 Issue period return (4)
- 11 Fall behind, right in the rear (5)
- 12 Type of illness universal in later years (4)
- 15 Able to see the digs need repair (7)
- 16 Warmth applied to woman's plant (7)
- 17 Check detains one, before man returns from Asian country (7)
- 19 Criticize a revolutionary's grand style (7)

DOWN

- 21 Elow second circuit (4)
- 22 Starting a violent attack (5)
- 23 Glen, goodbye! (4)
- 25 The main area of alleged disappearances (7,8)
- 27 Conservative is depressed (4)
- 28 Going over Tristan in translation (7)

1 African city is large and confusing (7)

2 Making haste; goes for minor adjustments (7,7)

3 At a disadvantage with this type of clue (4)

4 Recorded tree fell in the end (7)

5 One with head in sand? That's no way to get wealthy (7)

6 Finally joining general rejoicing (4)

7 Left with sweet-sounding fawn, perhaps (3,4)

8 Alter campanologist's target? (4,3,7)

13 Union's reparation? (5)

14 Regularly visit Henry, a relative (5)

17 Sister in cheap dress is in sight (7)

18 Authority for cheap to take appointment (7)

19 Clown is dreadful, I report (7)

20 Mountain where our mother has to relax (7)

24 Founder one way to prepare wine (4)

25 Brought up a little bit of information (4)

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Grain (6)
- 4 Numeral (6)
- 7 Without purpose (9)
- 9 Firing oven (4)
- 10 Astronaut (4)
- 11 French wine (5)
- 13 Exhilarated (6)
- 14 Slice of bacon (6)
- 15 Dextrous (6)
- 17 Largest US state (6)
- 19 Lorry (5)
- 20 Enormous (4)
- 22 Enticement for prey (4)
- 23 Redemption (9)
- 24 Voting paper (6)
- 25 Wine container (6)

DOWN

- 1 Raucous laugh (6)
- 2 Ireland (4)
- 3 Lounged (6)
- 4 Old Greek saga (6)
- 5 Dried barley (4)
- 6 Roofing beam (6)
- 7 Oceanic bird (9)
- 8 Sailing enthusiast (9)
- 11 Deserve (5)
- 12 Make watertight (5)
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IDF officials in the zone try to restrain the SLA, abuses, Zisser says. Yet El-Khiam, an SLA-run prison for prisoners of war in the security zone, is cited by Amnesty International as a habitual abuser of prisoner's rights. Amnesty places the ultimate responsibility for the prison on the SLA's overseer, Israel.

Yet even if the IDF stays in the security zone, Zisser maintains the future of the SLA is still a source of anxiety for Israel. Within another five years or so, the IDF will have to keep additional Israeli soldiers in the security zone to take the militiamen's place, because the SLA will likely have disintegrated by then.

Attrition has always been a problem for the militia, but especially so in recent years. Between the institutionalization of the Lebanese Army, the rising power of Hizbullah and the growth of the country's economy, the men of Marjayoun, Kleia and other villages in the security zone now have easier, safer ways to make a living than being mercenaries for Israel.

"They have heads on their shoulders, and they're asking themselves if what they're doing is still worth it," Zisser says. The militiamen assume that Israel - which arms, trains and pays them - will be leaving Lebanon one day.

"They know that their future is with Lebanon, not with Israel, and what they want is to be able to return to their homes in peace," Zisser continues.

Here again, the Israeli defense official disagrees. Attrition from the SLA has always gone "up and down" and is no more worrisome now than before, he insists. The militia remains a viable fighting force "capable of dealing with the present contingencies," he insists.

Orr agrees. "The SLA has been through tougher times than this one, and while there are some desertions, the numbers have always been insignificant. The SLA will continue to exist as long as the IDF is there to back it up," he says.

And what happens if the IDF just pulls out? No one has the answer to that question.

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Liron Levo is making it big as a model in London.

FACES of Israeli female models on the covers of international fashion magazines and as promoters for a variety of luxury products have become par for the course. But male models are also making their mark. Suave-looking Yaron Fink hit the big time in France and Italy several years ago. More recently Rene Bauman attracted attention in New York. Now it's the turn of 25-year-old model and local TV soap-opera star Liron Levo, who has been commissioned for the catalog of DRN London. Levo's macho image will be enhanced abroad by the inclusion in his CV that he served with an elite military unit in the IDF.

an admirable comedian, will answer questions about the regression in the peace process. Since both Albin and Rivlin are inclined to go off on their own tangents, the audience at the event, sponsored by the Herzliya Municipality's Cultural Department, is bound to come away both entertained and informed.

UNDER construction for well over a year and a half, the renovated official residence of the prime minister is almost ready for occupancy. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his family are expected to move in early in the new year, if not in time for Rosh Hashana itself. The prime minister inspected the premises earlier this month, giving residents of Balfour and Smolenskin streets a sense of the beefed-up security they can anticipate in the near future. The work going around the construction workers' grapevine is that the project would have been completed months ago, but for the fact that Sara Netanyahu keeps changing her mind about what she wants.

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NO PLAN is perfect. No matter how many contingencies one takes into account, there's always the chance that the best-laid plans will go astray. A case in point was producer Steven Spielberg, who missed the Los Angeles premiere of *The Peacock*, starring George Clooney and Kate Capshaw. Instead of sitting in a movie theater watching the first feature film by his Dreamworks SKG production company, Spielberg was being examined at the Cedars of Lebanon hospital. The reason: The Lincoln in which he and his wife, Kate Capshaw, were being driven to the premiere, collided with a Toyota. Spielberg was lightly injured and released the same day, but not in time to make the premiere.

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Johansson outlines vision for FIFA's future

By MIKE COLLETT

HELSINKI (Reuter) - UEFA president Lennart Johansson said yesterday he would promote democracy within soccer if he is elected president of FIFA next year.

The 67-year-old Swede is widely regarded as a favorite to succeed retiring president Jose Havelange when the 82-year-old Brazilian steps down after 24 years in charge of the world governing body.

Johansson, head of the European Football Union, outlined his vision of "a democratic leadership" for world soccer's governing body at a conference here of presidents and general secretaries of UEFA's 51 member federations.

Also yesterday, Sepp Blatter, FIFA's current general secretary, said he would be delighted to remain at FIFA and work alongside Johansson if the Swede is voted FIFA's new president next June.

"Of course it would be up to the new president and Executive Committee to decide whether they wanted me to stay or not," said Blatter, one of the most powerful men in world soccer.

In his election manifesto entitled "Vision For the Future Governance of Football," Johansson states: "The world football movement is a community. For this reason, FIFA has to further strengthen its democratic governance as the United Nations of world football."

"In order to strengthen the democratic spirit and establish a fair system of balance between FIFA, the confederations and the associations, a revised structure must be openly discussed and then implemented."

The other pillars of his program would be greater decision-making and extra responsibilities for the confederations and that the money

generated from football was directly re-invested in the game.

While Johansson has the backing of Europe, the only other candidate so far proposed is Julio Grondona of Argentina although a number of others are expected to forward their candidatures by the deadline of April 7, 1998.

The vote will be taken by delegates at the FIFA Congress shortly before the start of the World Cup Finals in France next June.

Also yesterday UEFA's member federations gave their full backing to the idea of a standardized international fixture list - and also said they wanted the regulations for the release of players on international duty tightened up.

The presidents and general secretaries of 49 of UEFA's 51-member countries voted overwhelmingly in favor of proposing to FIFA that an international fixture list for representative teams be established.

That would mean that World Cup qualifiers or qualifiers for regional competitions like the European Championship would be played on the same days around the world.

The conference of National Association Presidents and General Secretaries also approved a fixed match schedule for the qualifying competition for the 2000 European Championship finals.

A schedule will be drawn up in advance and teams will know their entire qualification timetable the moment the qualifying draw is completed.

Although delegates agreed that new regulations for the release of international players were needed, they are to re-examine proposals and see whether players should be released by their clubs, for four or five days before competitive matches.

Seve looks for any edge in Ryder Cup

SOTOGRADE, Spain (AP) - Seve Ballesteros fought too hard to gain respect for European golf to let the first Ryder Cup played on the continent slip away in his native Spain almost before it begins.

Pulling out all stops, Ballesteros rigged his roster, changed the order of play and then packed his team with veterans for the opening matches against a US team that seems to be the superior side.

It is as if Ballesteros shares the sense of some that the Americans could win in a runaway if they get out to a fast start in today's opening matches.

That is something he seems determined not to let happen.

Showing the same swashbuckling style that made him one of the most compelling players of his generation, Ballesteros popped awake before dawn yesterday to put together the lineup he hopes will get his team off to a fast start in today's better-ball play.

"I think Miguel Angel Jimenez was a little bit unhappy this morning," Ballesteros said about his assistant captain.

"Because at quarter past five I called him in his room and said, 'Come over to my room. We have to make the pairings.' He said, 'Are you crazy.' And I said, 'It's a good time because in the morning I'm more sharp.'"

Only a trace of a smile crossed the lips of Jimenez, who was sitting to the left of Ballesteros and nodded his head only slightly as if to say, "That's Seve."

That is Seve, indeed. His captaincy of the European team in the 32nd Ryder Cup matches at Valderrama Golf Club has been as free-wheeling as his style of play, which feared birdies from parking lots and 4-woods hit while on his knees.

"There is no question, being a captain is more pressure," Ballesteros said.

"When I'm playing in the majors, I don't remember waking up at four o'clock in the morning," Ballesteros came under fire three weeks ago when the European Ryder Cup committee replaced injured Miguel Angel Martin on the roster with Jose Maria Olazabal. The haste with which the move was made



DETERMINED VETERAN - Europe's Nick Faldo, who is set to become the most capped Ryder Cup player in history when the event gets under way today, strides up the fairway at the Valderrama course in final practice yesterday.

seemed to support the theory that Ballesteros wanted the experienced Olazabal on the team instead of the untested Martin. It also freed him to make Nick Faldo and Jesper Parnevik his two captain's picks.

That done, Ballesteros asked Kite if the traditional order of the matches that had alternate-shot play first could be switched so that better-ball was first. Kite agreed.

"I think I know why Seve wants to do that," Kite said. "He thinks he'll get a better feel for how the players are playing by watching them in the morning play their own ball."

Perhaps that is the edge Ballesteros is seeking. Perhaps he also knows that Europe won

28 of the 40 better-ball matches played from 1983 through 1991.

And when the pairings were announced yesterday for the opening better-ball matches, Ballesteros went with six of his seven players with Ryder Cup experience.

The first match will have Olazabal and Costantino Rocca facing PGA Championship winner Davis Love III and Phil Mickelson.

Faldo, who breaks the Ryder Cup record today with his 11th appearance, teams with rookie Lee Westwood against Fred Couples and Brad Faxon.

Then the two Swedes - Per-Ulrik Johansson and Parnevik - take on Tom Lehman and Jim

Furyk. Tiger Woods and Mark O'Meara, neighbors in Orlando, Fla., who play together frequently, will anchor the US team in the final morning match against Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer.

Scott Hoch, Jeff Maggert, Lee Janzen and, perhaps most surprisingly, British Open winner Justin Leonard, will sit out the morning matches for the US.

The only one of Europe's seven players with Ryder Cup experience to sit out better-ball play was seven-time veteran Ian Woosnam.

Also not playing in the morning matches for Europe were Darren Clarke, Thomas Bjorn and Ignacio Garrido - all Ryder Cup rookies.

"These are in my opinion the most experienced pairings," said Ballesteros. "I have two rookies in Parnevik and Westwood, but overall the thought is based on experience here."

The six veterans playing for Europe have experience in a combined 28 Ryder Cups.

Kite also went with experience as only Woods and Furyk lacked previous Ryder Cup exposure. Couples, with four previous Ryder Cups, and O'Meara with three, are the most senior members of the US team.

"I had to leave four off," Kite said when asked about the absence of Leonard in the morning matches. "For best ball, this is a pretty outstanding lineup." Kite, who has steered clear of any gamesmanship with Ballesteros, did react with a note of irritation when reminded that Montgomerie said the tight fairways of Valderrama did not suit Woods' game.

"We're going to have the opportunity over the next couple of days to find out if Colin was right," Kite said.

Kite said he has known his opening pairings for a couple of days and indicated that he already knows his pairings for today's afternoon alternate-shot matches.

Ballesteros, meanwhile, remains undecided. "I don't have the foursomes in my mind yet," he said.

"Probably 4:30 tomorrow morning," Miguel Angel Jimenez better get to bed early. The phone will be ringing before dawn.

Sponsors give Anderlecht final warning

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - The sponsors of Belgian soccer club Anderlecht yesterday warned they would cancel their contract if any more cases of match-fixing came to light.

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McGwire ties Griffey with 55 homers

TORONTO (AP) - From start to finish, the Baltimore Orioles were the leaders of the pack.

The Orioles, who moved into first place on opening day and stayed there the rest of the season, clinched their first AL East championship since 1983 by beating Toronto 9-3 Wednesday night.

Baltimore is only the sixth major-league team to hold first place every day of the season.

"Wire to wire. It's kind of mind-boggling," Cal Ripken said. "What it says is we played good at the start, good in the middle and good in the end."

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 38th homer and drove in four runs for the Orioles, who lead the New York Yankees by four games with four remaining. If the teams finish with the same record, Baltimore would be the division champion because it won the season series against the Yankees 8-4.

No division playoff would be necessary because both teams already have postseason berths.

The Orioles, who open their best-of-5 playoff series at AL West champion Seattle on Wednesday, celebrated their title with a steady flow of champagne and beer.

"This celebration is going to be sweet, but it's also going to be short," Ripken said. "We've got to start thinking about Seattle, and anything can happen in a short series. Fortunately, the kind of season we had is something we can dwell on as we get ready for the playoffs."

The Yankees, who beat Cleveland Wednesday night, will be the AL's wild-card team. They will open their series against the Central champion Indians on Tuesday at Yankee Stadium.

Yankees 8, Indians 4

Dwight Gooden improved his career record against the Indians to 5-0. Gooden (9-5) allowed four runs and seven hits in seven innings.

A night after squandering a seven-run lead against the Indians, the visiting Yankees erupted for seven runs in four innings against left-hander Brian Anderson.

Derek Jeter, Jorge Posada and Tim Lincecum homered for the defending World Series champions, who evened their season series with Cleveland at 5-5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Reds 5, Cardinals 4

Mark McGwire hit his 55th home run and tied Ken Griffey Jr. for the major league lead in home runs - never before in baseball history had two players hit at least 55 homers in the same season.

McGwire has four games left for the Cardinals, Griffey has three left for Seattle in their bids to reach Roger Maris' record of 61 in 1961.

"There's not much to talk about," McGwire said. "What else does the public want to know that hasn't been said?"

McGwire's homer was his 107th in the last two seasons, breaking the major league record for right-handed hitters set by Jimmie Fox.

McGwire connected for a two-run shot in the fifth inning at Busch Stadium. It was 19 plate appearances since his previous homer last Friday.

He has homered in 11 straight series, and has hit 12 home runs in September.

Padres 4, Dodgers 1

The Los Angeles Dodgers are making this too easy for the San Francisco Giants.

In a disappointing home finale, the Dodgers dropped 2½ games behind San Francisco in the NL West race.

The Dodgers have lost 51 of 115, while San Francisco, which won 4-3 at Colorado, is surging with six victories in eight games.

"If the Giants win it outright, then they deserve it," Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza said. "They've won some big games. I mean, it's easy to look at this past week and see that we haven't done the job."

The slumping Dodgers have four games left, all at Colorado.

"We hit the wall at the wrong time, and there ain't anything in the world anyone can do about it," Dodgers center fielder Oton Nixon said. "You can't pinpoint any one particularly thing. It doesn't look good, it looks tough, but it's not over."

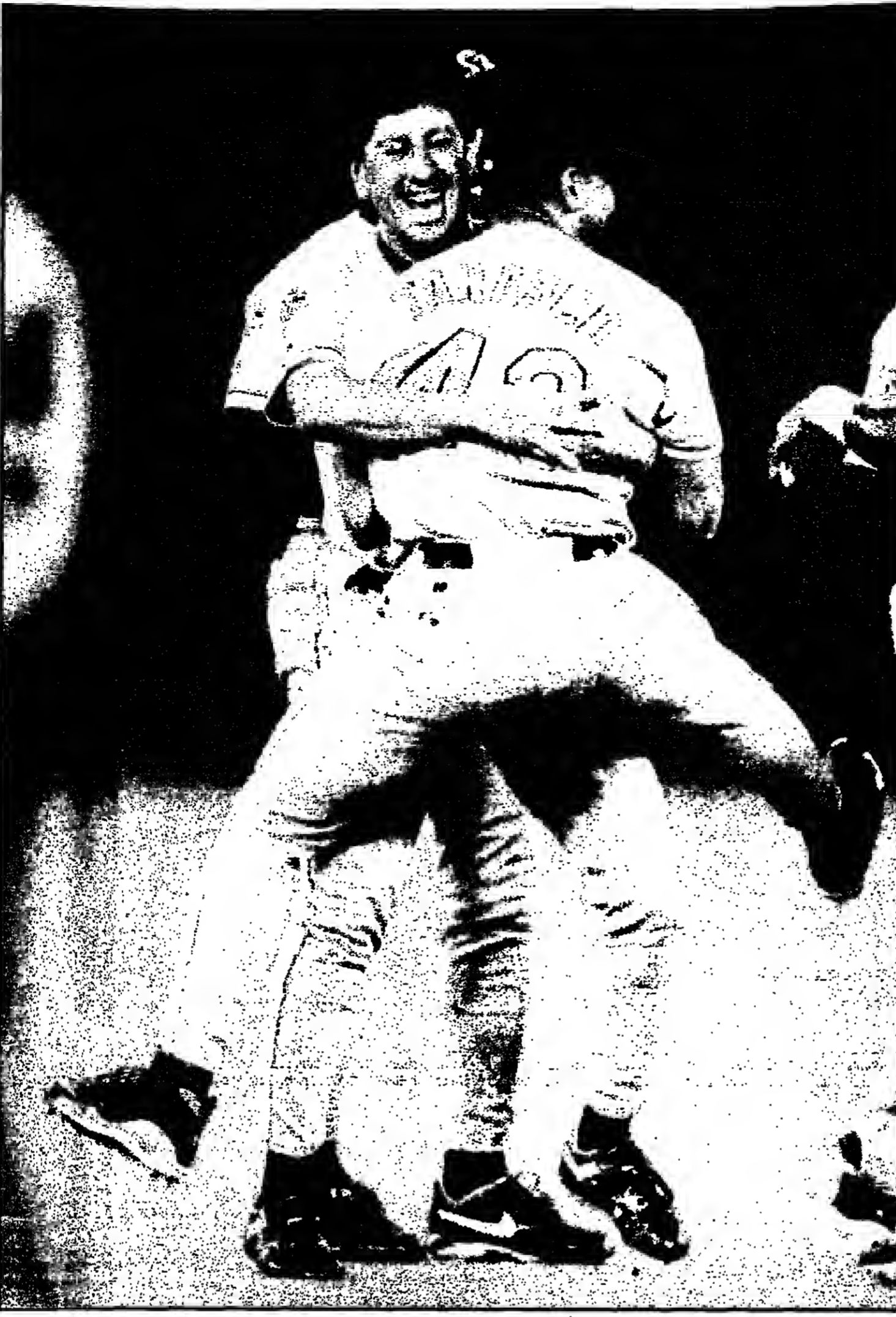
Giants 4, Rockies 3

Brian Johnson again took over the hero's role for San Francisco with a game-winning home run, connecting for a solo shot with one out in the ninth inning at Coors Field.

Last Thursday at home, Johnson homered in the bottom of the 12th inning to beat Los Angeles. This time, he tagged Steve Reed (4-6) for the tiebreaking shot.

Roberto Hernandez (5-2) pitched two hitless innings for the victory. J.T. Snow hit his 28th homer and reached 100 RBIs for the Giants.

Colorado, which was 11 games behind on August 30 before closing the gap, was eliminated from playoff contention.



FLYING HIGH - Baltimore Orioles' outfielder Tony Tarasco is lifted off the ground by teammate Jesse Orosco after the team clinched the AL East.

American League					National League				
East Division					East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
x-Baltimore	96	62	.608	-	x-Atlanta	99	59	.627	
w-New York	92	66	.582	4	w-Florida	92	66	.582	
Detroit	77	79	.500	17	New York	86	73	.541	
Boston	77	81	.487	19	Montreal	78	82	.481	
Toronto	72	86	.456	24	Philadelphia	65	93	.411	
Central Division					Central Division				
x-Cleveland	84	72	.538	-	Houston	81	77	.513	
Chicago	77	80	.490	7½	Pittsburgh	78	81	.491	
Minnesota	77	80	.490	7½	Cincinnati	73	85	.462	
Minnesota	66	91	.420	18½	St. Louis	71	87	.449	
Kansas City	65	92	.414	19½	Chicago	67	91	.424	
West Division					West Division				
x-Seattle	89	70	.560	-	San Francisco	88	71	.553	
Anaheim	83	75	.525	5½	Los Angeles	85	73	.539	
Los Angeles	74	84	.468	14½	Colorado	82	76	.519	
Oakland	63	96	.396	26	San Diego	75	84	.472	

w-clinched division title
x-clinched wild card

Brive encounter turns into rough and tumble

FOLLOWING a week in which the Welsh voted to turn their red dragon into one which breathes real fire, by creating their own assembly in the devolution "Yes" vote, the principal still made headlines for some less savory reasons - and in the national sport no less - in rugby union.

After a particularly violent European Cup encounter between the French side Brive and Pontypridd, it appears matters may have spilled off the pitch as well. A brawl in a French bar later that night resulted in three Welsh players being questioned about assault and the French side demanding that dirty teams be kicked out of the tournament.

There's a certain irony in bearing battered French forwards, nursing their wounds, calling for violent opponents to be banned. Forget the Haka, New Zealand's pre-match Maori war dance which is supposed to intimidate the opposition - for years one of the most

frightening facets of international rugby happened immediately before kick-off at the Parc des Princes.

The latest incumbents of the famous blue jerseys would line up to belt out the national anthem. After passing along a handful of the "pretty boy" backs, the camera angle would rise perceptibly and the viewer would be greeted with the sight of eight gnarled, grizzled, unshaven brutes, otherwise known as the pack. True to form, when the game started these Gallic Goliaths were quite content to dish out what the veteran BBC commentator Bill McLaren once described, with memorable understatement, as "a wee bit of rough stuff."

So, while one would never condone the antics which happened in the Brive match, or after the game, it certainly brought a smile to my lips to bear veteran French forwards speaking of intimidation, violence and banning thugs from the game!

LONDON CALLING
By Andy Cooper

English football at the moment and despite some heavy application of air freshener by the Premier League it won't go away.

Sadly, it may need some stronger stuff from either the Football Association or, perish the thought, the courts, to clean up the atmosphere.

The long-awaited report of the inquiry into the so-called "bungs" allegations has finally landed on assorted desks. Four years, 10,200 pages and 66 witnesses later and we seem to be left with a sort of "Well, some chaps were a little bit naughty, but not that bad and anyway they aren't doing it anymore" scenario. It says a lot for the report's clarity that two of the fiercest exponents of claim and counter claim at the time the allegations of misdemeanors first surfaced - the then England manager Terry Venables and the Labor MP Kate Hoey - have both declared themselves wholly vindicated by the report.

Admittedly the inquiry's

scope was limited but it has come up with some disturbing evidence that money did change hands over certain transfers which wasn't exactly "by the book."

In football, four years is a long time and even two of the report's authors have moved on to pastures new, so it's hardly surprising that some of the key characters in the saga are either no longer in the game or doing something completely different. But there does appear to be evidence that rules were broken and despite assurances from the Premier League's chief executive Peter Leaver that new rules will prevent any recurrence, surely it will need some action by the FA to investigate the evidence more thoroughly; and b. punish the guilty in order to create some sort of deterrent.

At the moment only George Graham, now rehabilitated as manager of Leeds, appears to have suffered as a result of the inquiry following his year-long ban from the game.

But if Graham makes a perfect Macbeth figure for this tale of dark deeds, there are still a few other ghosts which haunt the wider picture.

England's 'big 3' to cash in on pay TV

LONDON (Reuters) - Clubs in English soccer's premier league could earn over £500 million (\$810 million) from television rights to live matches in the 2003/2004 season, a study released this week has said.

Champions Manchester United, Newcastle United and Liverpool, the armchair fans' favorites, will be the big winners as pay-per-view coverage is introduced over the next few years, the report added.

Compiled by sports consultancy Oliver & Ohlbaum and business publisher Fletcher Research, the report said pay-per-view would generate some £280 million annually for premier league clubs by 2003/2004. Clubs would earn a further £240 million from the continuation of a subscription service offering a package of 60 live games a season. That compares with the £135 million the clubs receive from satellite broadcaster BSkyB for such live rights this year.

By 2003/2004, around 2.5 million households would be taking pay-per-view, under which they select specific matches to watch.

This could boost BSkyB's profits by £100 million annually, the report said.

Controlled by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation,

BSkyB has used premier league soccer to fuel its rapid growth in the 1990s. BSkyB now has six million subscribers and chief executive Sam Chisholm has called its relationship with the league "one of the great corporate romances of our time."

BSkyB is expected to develop pay-per-view coverage of soccer as part of its drive to get subscribers to sign up for the 200-channel digital service it plans to launch next year.

The report said 18 million people in England and Wales, a third of the population, consider themselves soccer fans. A staggering seven million claimed to support Manchester United, Liverpool or Newcastle.

However, 95 percent of these "supporters" never visit a ground in a typical season, following their teams instead through the newspapers and on television.

English soccer's big three are likely to cream off over 25 percent of all pay television revenues by 2003/2004. But while the rich get richer, the smaller clubs among the 20-team elite could see pay-per-view cut attendances by 15 percent, the report warned. It said some clubs might have to review ticket prices in the light of a televised alternative.

Italian porn star to sponsor local rugby club

ROME (Reuters) - Italian rugby club Lazio has signed a sponsorship deal with a porn star and wife have her name emblazoned across their shirts next season.

"Launching the deal on Wednesday, under the slogan

"great scrums with a porn star," the Rome-based club described the deal with actress Jessica Rizzo as lucrative.

"I can't tell you how much its worth but, believe me, for a Serie B squad it's big," club president Mario Ricciardi said.

Rizzo, one of Italy's best known porn actresses, owns a satellite television channel, which broadcasts hard-core films. Lazio's shirts will promote the decoder cards needed to access the channel.

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Maccabi survives a Real scare

Tel Aviv wins 2nd straight EuroLeague contest with 87-82 victory over Madrid

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv staved off a ferocious Real Madrid comeback last night to post an 87-82 victory and start the European season with two victories for the first time in six years.

Maccabi held a 22-point advantage with only nine minutes remaining in the game before Madrid showed that no lead is safe in the EuroLeague by cutting the margin to just two points with under a minute left. But if that scenario was reminding anxious Maccabi fans of the last time Real was at Yad Elyahu, when the Spaniards roared back from a seven-point deficit with under five minutes to win, this time at least Maccabi kept its cool.

Rashard Griffith established an inside game early with four quick points and then Maccabi's guards took over with precision shooting. They sank seven consecutive three-point baskets, including three straight within two minutes for Derrick Sharp to give Maccabi an 18-6 advantage with 13:40 remaining in the half.

The half was going so well that even when Maccabi finally missed two three-point shots in a row, both were rebounded and tipped in for baskets. Defensively, Maccabi clamped down on Madrid's various offensive weapons and was able to control the boards against the Spanish big men. Katash was simply outstanding in the half, scoring 20 points, including four three-pointers, as well as dishing off six assists to lead Tel Aviv to the locker room with a 52-35 lead at the break.



NOT SO FAST - Real Madrid's Dejan Bodiroga dribbles past Maccabi Tel Aviv's Nadav Henefeld (center) and Randy White last night at Yad Elyahu. (Reuters)

five period as the first-half heroes Griffith, Katash and White spent prolonged minutes on the bench.

Maccabi's victory over Real Madrid was its first since 1994 and raised Tel Aviv's all-time record in the championships against Real to only 12-20. For Maccabi, Katash scored 22, Sheffer 13, Sharp 11, Nadav Henefeld and Griffith 10, Leaf 9, White 8, and Borko Radovic and Constantin Popa 2 each.

For Real, Dejan Bodiroga scored 21, Alberto Herreros 18 (all in the second half, including 10-10 from the free-throw line), Paul Rogers 16 (all in the second half), Juan Ortega 14 and Joe Arlauckas 6.

In other Group A action, Olympiakos remained undefeated with a 86-74 home victory over CSKA Moscow, while Efes Pilsen won on the road against Limoges 77-62.

Table with 4 columns: Group A, W, L, Pts. Rows: Maccabi (2, 0, 4), Olympiakos (2, 0, 4), CSKA Moscow (1, 1, 3), Efes Pilsen (1, 1, 3), Real Madrid (0, 2, 2), Limoges (0, 2, 2)

Rafter cruises into semifinals, faces Korda

MUNICH (Reuters) — US Open champion Patrick Rafter made sure of \$675,000 in prize money with an impressive straight sets Grand Slam Cup win over Chilean Marcelo Rios to set up a semifinal with Czech Petr Korda.

Jerusalem sweats out first EuroLeague win

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Las Vegas native H. Waldman bet on three last night, and that number came up big as the Hapoel Jerusalem guard hit a trio of three-pointers to give his club its first ever EuroLeague victory, 80-74 over Ulker Istanbul.

Waldman, who had been groomed to replace point guard Papi Turgetman, looked a lot more comfortable in the shooting guard roll instead, especially when with his club down 66-65, he fired up a three-pointer to regain the lead for Jerusalem.

would blow Ulker out of Malha, as they used superb passing and a switching defense that had the Turks on the ropes 20-10 after Kenny Williams scored following a steal by Radisav Curcic.

Then the roof caved in. Turkish national team star Harun Erdenay scored twice following steals, then center Kenny Green hit a three-pointer and Ulker ran off a 14-2 spurt to tie it at 27.

open time after time underneath and the Turks evened things up again at 63.

Gordon then made a huge mistake by fouling Anderson on a three-point attempt. The mercurial Ulker point guard knocked in all three free throws (11-12 on the night) and suddenly Ulker led 66-65 with 4:40 left. That's when Waldman got free for his first bomb, which hurt Ulker almost as much as Waldman's tough defense on Erdenay in the second half.

Curcic had an outstanding game for Jerusalem, with 24 points and 10 rebounds, and was a superb 8-9 from the foul line. Kenny Williams atoned for some poor ballhandling by scoring 11 and grabbing some important rebounds. Anderson had 19 for Ulker, while Green and Erdenay both added 18.

Table with 4 columns: Group C, W, L, Pts. Rows: Barcelona (2, 0, 4), Kinder Bologna (1, 1, 3), Hapoel Jerusalem (1, 1, 3), Pan-Ortiz (1, 1, 3), Partizan Belgrade (1, 1, 3), Ulker (0, 2, 2)

CSKA Moscow said to be facing extinction

MOSCOW (Reuters) — CSKA Moscow's EuroLeague game last night against European champions Olympiakos in Athens could be one of the Russian champions' last if the Kremlin fails to heed an appeal for a last-minute financial rescue.

At last, new-look Arsenal start to entertain

By ROBERT HILLWARD

LONDON (AP) — Don't call them "boring Arsenal" any more. After 30 years of being dubbed the dullest soccer team in England, the Gunners have suddenly blossomed into a free-scoring troupe of entertainers who now sit proudly atop the Premier League.

Dennis Bergkamp with eight and Ian Wright with seven have scored 15 of Arsenal's 20 goals from eight unbeaten games and most have been achieved with style. Close season signing Marc Overmars also netted twice in Wednesday's 4-0 crushing of West Ham as the Gunners replaced defending champion Manchester United atop the standings on goal difference.

and wealthy businessmen wanting that the Russian army side, who have won all six post-Soviet league titles, will go under without immediate help. Players and coaching staff complained after clinching the 1997 crown in May that they had not been paid since December.

Save the absolute Russian champion, which is on the point of financial collapse, the sportswriters said. "It will be a shame and a disgrace if Russia loses the jewel in its crown and, with it, its place in the EuroLeague, its reputation and its significance."

Keegan eager to prove a point at Fulham

LONDON (Reuters) — Kevin Keegan, who quit suddenly as Newcastle manager in January, returned to English soccer yesterday with second division Fulham and a determination to prove a point.

"My intention, our intention, is to be as successful here as we were at Newcastle," Keegan told a news conference at the London club, who coincidentally also play in black and white.

Keegan's former England colleague Ray Wilkins was appointed team manager and former Newcastle manager Arthur Cox took on the role of chief scout. "Mohamed said to me 'assemble your own team. You start with a blank piece of paper,'" Keegan said.

"Mr Fayed said to me 'run the club like it's yours. So I won't be throwing money away,'" he added when asked if his appointment meant big name signings.

Al Fayed after winning promotion from the third division at the end of last season, said the former England forward would be chief operating officer. The club said this meant that Keegan would be in charge of all football matters.

Fulham purchased by the millionaire businessman Mohamed

SPORTS in brief

Ravanelli signs for Marseille

LONDON (Reuters) — Unsettled Italian striker Fabrizio Ravanelli ended speculation about his future by signing a four-year contract with French first division club Olympique Marseille yesterday.

Mallett takes over Springbok hotseat

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — Nick Mallett became South Africa's seventh rugby coach in six seasons when he was appointed in Johannesburg yesterday.

Celtic set to take Scottish FA to court

GLASGOW (Reuters) — Glasgow Celtic may take the Scottish FA to court after a payment blunder wrecked their bid to win a £2 million compensation fee for former player John Collins.

United to Ipswich in League Cup 3rd round

LONDON (Reuters) — Manchester United visit Ipswich in the third round of the English League Cup next month while last year's beaten finalists Middlesbrough are at home to local rivals Sunderland.

Tomorrow's top 25 college football games

- No. 1 Florida at Kentucky, No. 5 North Carolina vs. Virginia, No. 6 Michigan vs. Notre Dame, No. 7 Ohio State at Missouri, No. 8 Auburn vs. Central Florida, No. 11 Iowa vs. Illinois, No. 13 LSU vs. Akron, No. 14 Vir. Tech vs. Arkansas St., No. 15 Wash. St. vs. Boise St., No. 16 Colorado vs. Wyoming, No. 17 Clemson at Georgia Tech, No. 18 Kan. St. vs. Bowling Green, No. 20 Stanford vs. Oregon, No. 21 Alab. vs. S. Mississippi, No. 22 Texas A&M vs. North Texas, No. 23 Brig. Young at S. Methodist, No. 24 UCLA vs. Arizona, No. 25 Arizona St. at Oregon St.

Hapoel Petah Tikva, Betar Jerusalem in hot clash

By OFE LEWIS

A fascinating clash of two of the hottest teams in local soccer takes place in Petah Tikva tomorrow, when home side, Hapoel, take on Betar Jerusalem.

cannot afford any injuries before their forays into Europe. Beersheba host another side in good form, Hapoel Haifa and the home side's confidence is really on the line. With deep divisions in the club concerning the coach, Benny Tabak, Beersheba really do not look like a side ready to meet adversity head-on.

Table with 7 columns: National League, P, W, D, L, G, Pt. Rows: Hapoel Tel Aviv (4, 2, 4, 1, 5, 14), Hapoel Petah Tikva (4, 4, 2, 2, 9, 12), Hapoel Jerusalem (4, 3, 1, 2, 9, 12), Hapoel Haifa (4, 2, 1, 3, 7, 11), Beersheba (4, 2, 1, 6, 2, 4), Betar Jerusalem (4, 2, 1, 1, 4, 9), Ironi Ashdod (4, 2, 2, 2, 8, 8), Ironi Kiryat Shmona (4, 2, 2, 2, 6, 8), Hapoel Be'er Sheva (4, 1, 3, 2, 5, 7), Hapoel Be'er Sheva (4, 2, 4, 6, 10, 14), Hapoel Be'er Sheva (4, 1, 2, 3, 8, 2, 3), Hapoel Be'er Sheva (4, 1, 2, 5, 7, 2, 5), Hapoel Ashdod (4, 2, 3, 8, 11, 3, 5), Hapoel Tel Aviv (4, 3, 3, 8, 11, 3, 3), Hapoel Be'er Sheva (4, 1, 5, 6, 12, 4, 3)

Ra'anana bowlers take mixed-fours

Ra'anana won the annual national mixed-fours lawn bowls competition played off at the Kiryat Ono club on Monday.

